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IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 15th, 2024

News from the IRTS

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

The next HAREC examination is on November 16th

The next HAREC examination will be held on the 16th of November 2024. The exam venue is the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X3H5.

Doors open from 10.30 a.m. for registration. The exam itself will commence at 11.00 a.m. sharp and ends two hours later at 1 p.m. The closing date for applications is Thursday the 7th of November. As there are a limited number of places, anyone wishing to sit the exam should forward their application along with the appropriate fee. The application form and the payment details can be found at www.irts.ie/exams. You can also contact Mick EI6IKB by email at [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie) if you have any queries.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

On the 28th of September, with thanks to Maria Kyte, manager, EI2WRC will be active from the Waterford and Suir Valley Railway station Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford for the 2024 Railways on The Air event. Waterford Suir Valley Railway Company CLG was established to preserve and promote Waterford's rich railway heritage. The aim to develop and operate a 10km section of the abandoned Waterford to Dungarvan Railway line from Kilmeaden Station to Bilberry, Waterford City as a tourist attraction. The vision is that the area through which the railway travels will become a linear park and the railway will service other attractions along the route, eventually extending to Waterford city and operating with a steam engine. For more information about the WSVR please see www.wsvrailway.ie

The following day, September 29th, EI2WRC will be active as a 145 Alive Control Station for the 145 Alive activity from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC. The EI2WRC team will be active on 145.250 MHz FM from the Nine Stones carpark located at the entrance to the Mount

Leinster RTÉ mast site in south Carlow. Around Ireland, many other stations will be active from various locations on various frequencies. The idea of the 145 Alive event is to promote activity on the 2m band. Please listen out for as many stations as possible and give them all a shout if you can!

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Shannon Basin Radio Club Update

Shannon Basin Radio Club wish to extend their deepest condolences to club member Peter Carty KM6MJC and family on the death of his mother Alma Carty. Alma passed away last Sunday September 8th, 2024, in Sligo. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

The club will soon recommence their HF DX SSB nets. Their hugely popular nets encourage experimentation and activity on 80m and topband. Further information will be announced over the coming weeks.

Digital Mobile Radio Talk by South Dublin Radio Club

The next South Dublin Radio Club talk focuses on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) concepts. This will take place on Tuesday the 24th of September. The club opens at 7:30 p.m. and the talk starts at 8 p.m. sharp. Visitors are welcome at the community centre on Marian Road in Rathfarnham Dublin. Keith Garland EI9BAB will give a talk on DMR which is a popular digital voice standard used on VHF and UHF. This presentation will focus on some of the technical aspects of the protocol and how it is used in commercial systems including obfuscation and encryption facilities. There will also be some interesting real-world demos and a question-and-answer session.

Help requested for a charity-based amateur radio initiative

Anthony EI7LB based in Carlow town is working with a charity called Delta which involves working with young adults with intellectual disabilities. Some of you might be familiar with Anthony from his Friday morning repeater chats along with Kyle who is a service user in Delta. A lot more of the service users have a great interest in listening to ham radio and Anthony would like to take this a step further. He would like to start up a ham radio club where both the service users and members of the public can work together and become active ham operators. To do this, he is asking for help with equipment.

If anyone has receivers, transceivers, or indeed any radio equipment that they are no longer using, he would be very grateful to receive them. He will give them a new home with very interested young people who could do with a little dig out. If you have anything suitable or want to give anything to help, you can get in contact with Anthony at [anthony.brophy /at/ deltacentre.org](mailto:anthony.brophy@deltacentre.org) or contact him at 087 1176676. All donations would be gladly accepted and appreciated.

DX Féile 2024

DX Féile which is organised and run by the EIDX Group takes place on Saturday October 5th in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. This year's convention will feature presentations from

the recent N5J DXpedition to Jarvis Island, the current CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island, the 8R7X team from Guyana, as well as EIDXG's own 7P8EI activity from Lesotho earlier this year.

You are invited to come and meet Ireland's DXers and have a great day out with the hugely popular CW and SSB simulated pileups and fun DX Quiz to name a few. Accommodation packages are almost fully sold out however there are still some day tickets available for the convention. These still need to be pre-booked in advance. For further information please contact David ei9fbb /at/ gmail.com or telephone 087 7444777.

145 Alive Event takes place on Sunday 29th September

The next 145 Alive event is two weeks away. It takes place on Sunday the 29th of September from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is not a contest but is a fun activity to promote experimentation and use of 2-metre FM simplex. David Gardiner EI3IXB is coordinating net control locations and frequencies on a first come first serve basis. Anyone interested in getting involved as a net control station should contact David via email at ei3ixb /at/ gmail.com as soon as possible.

August edition of the IARU Monitoring System newsletter

The August edition of the IARU Monitoring System Region 1 newsletter features reports of new intruder activity on the 10-metre band. The report cites erratic behaviour of military radar type signals that make it hard to avoid on the band. Normally a quiet month in radio terms, radar-based intruders continued to dominate reports across all bands monitored. The reports provide detailed insights regarding intruders on the amateur radio bands and offer details of what to look out for. You can download the August newsletter as well as previous editions from the Monitoring System Region 1 page at www.iaru-r1.org

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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